(c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a contract with Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) in November, 2004 for supply of one Dhruv Helicopter to Israel. HAL has also signed and MoU for joint marketing of Dhruv with IAI's avionics package to potential international customers.

Re-employment of retired Jawans

†1585. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers retired from the various wings of Indian Army in last three years and total number of soliders among them who have got re-appointment in various departments and public sector undertakings of Central Government and State Governments;

(b) the number of ex-servicemen registered for re-employment with the Directorate General of ex-servicemen rehabilitation;

(c) whether Government after the review of policies and orders in this regard is going to make them more effective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) A statement is enclosed *(See* below)

(b) As on date 11564 ex-servicemen are registered with Directorate General Resettlement for employment assistance. Besides, 3,42,274 ex-servicemen are registered with the various Zila Sainik Boards/Rajya Sainik Boards in the country.

(c) and (d) Supreme Court has imposed an overall ceiling of 50% on the reservations to be provided in Government jobs. However as reservation for SC/ST/OBC sums upto 49.5% DOP&T had considered the method of affecting the available reservation for ex-servicemen and decided that as held by the Supreme Court in a case on the subject, ex-servicemen be provided horizontal reservation as against the vertical reservation being provided to SC/ST/OBC *i.e.* an ex-servicemen selected under the reservation provided for them should be placed in the appropriate category *viz.* SC/ST/OBC/General category depending upon the category to which he belongs.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Re-employment of retired Jawans

I. Annual retirement/ wastage (Officer/Junior Commissioned Officers/ Other Ranks):

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force	Total
2002	34834	3148	6517	44499
2003	72096	2529	6039	80664
2004*	27997	1541	1858	31396

* Data for the year 2004 is for January to June, 2004.

II. Sector-wise placement of ex-servicemen in the country:

Year	Central Govt.	State Govt.	Private Sector	Total
2002	6844	2219	3064	12127
2003	5513	3096	3079	11688
2004*	3140	1640	1764	6544

*Data for the year 2004 pertain to 6 months period *i.e.* January-June, 2004.

Life and property lost in MIG-21 Aircaft crash near Bikaner

1586. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 201 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 2005 and State the extent of loss to life and property caused due to the mishap?

THE MINISTER DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): There was no loss of life of Defence personnel/civilians or any damage to the civil property in the MiG-21 aircraft accident which took place on 4th January, 2005 near Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Re-employment benefits to Ex-PBOR

1587. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ex-Personnel Below Officer Rank (Ex-PBOR) re-employed after registering their names with Director General of Resettlement